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FOR AGRICULTURE, FAS, FCA, MEEKER AND NOVOTNY
OTTAWA FOR AGATTACHE

FROM AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAGR, CH, CA
SUBJ: PRC BUYS ONE MILLION TONS OF CANADIAN WHEAT

REF: (A) HK 3087; (B) HK 3086

1. TRADE SOURCE HAS JUST (MAR 22) INFORMED AGOFFICER THAT
PRC TRADE MISSION TO OTTAWA (SEE REF A) HAS JUST PURCHASED
ONE MILLION METRIC TONS OF CANADIAN WHEAT. (NO PRICE OR
DELIVERY DETAILS AVAILABLE AND PURCHASE NOT YET MADE PUBLIC).

2. TRADER SAID THAT CHINESE TRADE OFFICIALS ALSO WANTED TO
MOVE WHEAT OUT OF ST. LAWRENCE (APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF HEAVY
LOADING OPERATIONS IN VANCOUVER) AND WERE ARRANGING FOR
LARGE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARTERS. AS MENTIONED IN REF A,
CHINESE MISSION PLANS TO EXAMINE VANCOUVER OPERATIONS ON
DEPARTURE FROM OTTAWA.

3. COMMENT: PURCHASE, IF CONFIRMED, APPEARS TO BE SAME AS
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THAT REPORTED IN REF B, ONLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT. ON PRICE --
CHINA WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY MORE THAN THE RECENT LOW
AVERAGE OF US\$100 PER METRIC TON FOR THIS PURCHASE BECAUSE
THE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY CURRENTLY GIVEN TO THE CHINESE
DROUGHT IS APPARENTLY STRENGTHENING PREVIOUSLY QUIESCENT
PRICES. ON QUANTITY -- IF CONFIRMED, THIS BUY WILL MAKE
TOTAL PURCHASES AT 6.1 MILLION METRIC TONS, OF WHICH 3.3

MILLION M.T. FROM CANADA.
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